The temporary increase of Rs. 4 in pensions up to Rs. 50 per mensem sanctioned from 1st Dhanu 1119 is estimated to cost Rs. 1·08 lakhs for a year. The scope of dearness allowance has now been extended to all pensions up to Rs. 100 involving an annual expenditure of Rs. 1·44 lakhs.

*Enhancement of T. A. Rates.*—The high cost of travelling and living in camp was causing great strain to Government servants on tour and to compensate them a further revision of the rates of T. A. both ordinary and fixed had to be effected in the course of the year. This had the effect of raising the T.A. allotment from Rs. 2·86 lakhs to Rs.3·18 lakhs in the Revised estimate.

*Revision of Pay.*—Even though all general revisions of pay have been discouraged and ordered to be postponed till the restoration of normal conditions some hard cases of officers have been duly considered and their pay revised in the course of the year.

The general items referred to above have caused an approximate increase in expenditure of Rs. 6·44 lakhs out of the total increase of Rs. 23·95 lakhs over the Budget estimate of Rs. 166·88 lakhs.

The other important items exhibiting increase in the Revised estimate are Forest and Tramway, Education, Military, Public Works and Income-tax.

I have already stated that this year the receipts from Forests are expected to enhance the budgetted revenue by about Rs. 9·75 lakhs. The increased operations naturally enhance the expenditure under Forests to the extent of Rs. 6·40 lakhs. Under Education an increase of Rs. 2·80 lakhs over the Budget estimate of Rs. 22·85 lakhs is anticipated mainly due to the enhancement of dearness allowance in the course of the year and to the increase under Grant-in-aid, etc.

The organisation of the State Forces to which I made reference last year and the various unforeseen items of expenditure inevitable on the gradual development of such a scheme has increased the expenditure under this head by Rs. 1·87 lakhs. Under Public Works a large increase of Rs. 5·38 lakhs over the Budget estimate of Rs. 17·74 lakhs is expected mainly on account of larger tender rates due to the existing conditions of labour and materials. Works for the State Forces to the extent of Rs. 1·63 lakhs had to be undertaken in the course of the year and measures for the protection of Kole cultivation costing about Rs. 1 lakh had to be launched. These had not been anticipated at the time of the budget.

The very large increase in revenue under Income-tax has resulted in large refunds as a result of appeals and this chiefly accounts for the enhanced Revised estimate.

The other increases in the Revised estimate are of minor importance and I would invite the attention of the Honourable Members to the Explanatory Memorandum in their hands.

Before leaving the Revised estimates I have to touch upon another head also, *viz.*, Miscellaneous which anticipates a saving of Rs. 2·35 lakhs contrary to expectations. As against a provision of Rs. 8·91 lakhs made in the budget estimate for Hill cultivation measuress the Revised estimate anticipates Rs. 2·73 lakhs only thus resulting in a saving of Rs. 6·18 lakhs. This was due to the fact that the scheme of direct cultivation by Government has been given up in favour of leases to cultivators. The Price Control measures are, on the other hand, expected to cost Rs. 3·29 lakhs more than the Budget estimate of Rs. 3·95 lakhs thus taking up a large part of these savings. During the course of this year it was found necessary to entertain or expand the following establishments under Price Control measures.

(1) Antiprofiteering and hoarding
(2) Inspection staff
(3) Ministerial staff, etc.

The donation of Rs. 1 lakh made for the Military Benevolent Fund by His Highness the Maharaja is expected to take up another portion from the savings under Hill Paddy Measures.

## CAPITAL SCHEMES

Last year I adverted to some of the schemes Government had undertaken either to improve the amenities of the people and encourage industrial development or to extend the areas under cultivation. Of them, the Pallivasal Scheme has made much headway. In spite of the vast difficulties of the present situation the work of the Anamalais Road, the economic possibilities of which are well known, is making steady progress. Of the Irrigation Schemes in hand the Chalakkudi Irrigation Scheme could complete its investigation stage only. A new scheme known as the Nelliampathi Cultivation Scheme was taken up urgently in the course of the year. An area of 500 acres is proposed to be brought under vegetable and fruit cultivation and it is expected that a sum of Rs. 0·52 lakh would be spent this year on this scheme.

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